

Grays Harbor County

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From: Orlandini, Anthony [mailto:Orlandini.Anthony@leg.wa.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 8:38 AM
To: Vern Spatz
Subject: Veterans assistance research

Dear Mr. Spatz,

My name is Anthony Orlandini, I am contacting you from the Office of State Representative Jim Moeller. I am putting together a research project and was hoping you could clarify some questions about your county's veterans assistance for me.

What is your operating budget and the total amount of funds allocated to the Indigent Veterans Fund?

Our annual budget is \$35,000. We have a cash reserve built up in the fund. Our fund is called the "Veteran Relief Fund".

What is the total amount paid directly to Veterans?

A needy veteran is eligible up to \$700 for living expenses in a year. Applicants must then skip a full year to re-establish eligibility again.

How much of the budget is being used for administration costs?

Of the \$35,000 we budget only \$500 for the needs of the Veteran Advisory Board.

Other costs?

No

Are you making use of the Indigent Veterans Fund?

I have not personally applied for assistance from the fund. The question does not make sense.

Are you getting requests for funding from the Indigent Veterans Fund and who is processing those requests?

We process about 100 requests a year in Grays Harbor County.

Does your county have a Veterans Advisory Committee?

Yes, it is required by statute as you are probably aware.

Do you have an inter-local agreement to provide services for veterans with any other counties or programs?

No, does not appear to be any value to our veterans in Grays Harbor County.

Are you providing funding to any veterans outside of the county?

Funding is from COUNTY property tax revenues and should only be used for COUNTY veterans.

We refer veterans from outside the county back to their own county.

Thank you for your time.

Best Always,

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